IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of:

Kazuki EMORI et al.

Application No.: 10/697,054

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: GAMING MACHINE HAVING A

COMMON ILLUMINATION DEVICE

(AS AMENDED)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated August 28, 2007, the period for response being extended to January 28, 2008, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 7 and 8 are amended and claims 12-14 are newly added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)